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NIGC enters into agreement with Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes settling investigation

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) On April 11, 2017, an investigation into Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' use of net gaming revues and sole proprietary interest in its gaming operation culminated in a Settlement Agreement entered into by National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Chairman, Jonodev O. Chaudhuri and Governor Eddie Hamilton of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. After identifying, self-reporting, and providing documentation of potential gamesmanship activities to the NIGC, the Tribes with Chairman Chaudhuri agreed there is sufficient evidence to issue a Notice of Violation (NOV) under the authority of 25 C.F.R. § 573.3(a) for misuse of gaming revenue and a violation of the sole proprietary interest in the gaming operations.

"The Tribes were instrumental in identifying the misuse of the gaming revenue that is a clear violation of IGRA. They have provided full cooperation to the NIGC throughout the investigation of this matter,"

Chaudhuri said.

Over the course of 18 months, the Tribes' casino paid three times an initially agreed upon purchase price for certain land in a lease agreement orchestrated by the Tribes' then Chief Executive Officer and Director of Gaming Operations with Clinton Land Holdings, LLC (CLH). The overall total amounts paid amounted to ten times more than the land's appraised value of \$126,000. Upon discovering the problems with the lease agreement, the Tribes canceled the agreement with CLH, all payments of gaming revenue ceased, and the Tribes requested and received the resignations of the CEO and Director of Gaming Operations as well as the Casino's General Manager from their gaming operations.

Chaudhuri has made the protection against gamesmanship on the backs of tribes a priority initiative throughout his administration and is further outlining

it as a top priority in the Commission's 2018 Strategic Plan. Through increased awareness, improved ability to detect and disrupt gamesmanship through NIGC training, technical assistance, and enforcement authority, the NIGC will support the prevention of manipulative tactics by non-tribal governmental parties at the expense of tribal self-determination and the integrity of the tribal gaming industry.

As part of the Settlement Agreement, the Tribes will ensure that its Governor, the general managers of all of the Tribes' gaming operations, and all supervisory Tribal gaming employees will attend NIGC training related to the violations. Additionally, the Tribes will, for a period of three years, receive detailed technical assistance for any arrangement involving Gross Gaming Revenue; the Tribes have also agreed to take action in reclaiming the Net Gaming Revenues unlawfully transferred. Read the full Settlement Agreement at www.nigc.gov/news.



New head start center scheduled for construction

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Shiny gold tipped shovels adorned with blue and white ribbons stood standing side by side in the rich red Oklahoma dirt in Concho, Okla.

With a little push into the ground and a scoop full of dirt, the breaking of ground marked the spot for the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start building.

On April 24, Head Start students, teachers, education staff, tribal employees, Dyron Murphy Architects and Arrowhead Builders joined together to commemorate the blessing and ground breaking of the new future site of the Concho Head Start Center.

The new 9,180 square foot center will include five classrooms and a large multi-purpose room benefitting 57 children, with a comprehensive program designed to meet the emotional, social, cultural, health, nutritional and psychological needs of the students and their families. It is being built on land held in trust by the U.S.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), known as the Concho Reserve located at 601 N. Left Hand in Concho, Okla.

"On behalf of the Head Start Program I would like to say a special thank you to our tribal leadership for recognizing the need (for a new center) and for supporting this project. I'd also like to thank the Tax Commission and the Roads Program, for without their contributions this would not be possible," Jeniece Felton, Head Start Program director, said.

Working together, the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' Community Development Program team and the Head Start Program was awarded a community development block grant in the amount of \$800,000 in September 2016, with the approved allocation of Tax Commission revenues in the amount of \$830,663.80 for the total construction cost of the project. According to information released by the Community Development Program Director, Damon Dunbar, the



Staff and students from the Concho Head Start Center join in to break ground during the groundbreaking ceremony for the new state of the art head start center on April 24 in Concho, Okla. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

Tulsa U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has partnered with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for construction support of this project.

"We've seen the excitement from this entire team and we know the impact this is going to have immediately on 57 children. But like Mr. Fletcher (Alan Fletcher) said earlier, the impact is going to go for generations and I'm excited to be a part of this project," Arrowhead Builders Project Manager, Matt Littleton said.

The new building is projected to be complete by Spring 2018.

Tribes in Oklahoma defeat natural gas pipeline company

Federal court orders removal of natural gas pipeline in Oklahoma for trespassing on original Kiowa Indian lands

By Kristi Eaton
Indian Country Media Network

The U.S. District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma has ordered a natural gas pipeline operator to cease operations and remove the pipeline located on original Kiowa Indian lands Anadarko.

The ruling in *Davilla v. Enable Midstream Partners, L.P.*, issued at the end of March, found that Enable Midstream was continuing to trespass on the land and ordered the company to remove the pipeline within six months.

The plaintiffs are 38 enrolled members of the Comanche, Caddo, Apache, Cherokee and Kiowa Tribes of Oklahoma. Additionally, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma has an interest in the land. The interests vary from nearly 30 percent to less than 9/10th of a percent.

"It's very significant," said plaintiffs' lawyer David Smith.

David Klaassen, a spokesman for Enable, said the company doesn't comment on active legal issues.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs approved an easement across the land in 1980 for Enable's predecessor, Producer's Gas Company, to construct and install a natural gas pipeline. The original easement expired in 2000, according to court documents. By 2002, the company had changed to Enogex, Inc., and had submitted a Pipeline company / pg. 6

Language summit breaking inhibitions

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

A threatening challenge, seen most through today’s cultures, is the challenge of learning a language and breaking the barriers for first time learners.

On April 12 the Five Civilized Tribes held the Inter-tribal Language Summit at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

The primary goal for the two-day summit was to exchange ideas and educate one another on the importance of learning a language.

“The summit is a way for language programs to come together to catch up with what everybody else is doing and get ideas from each other,” Melanie Frye, Inter-Tribal language president, said.

The theme for this year’s summit was ‘Breaking Inhibitions.’ Frye said the question supporting the theme is how do you get your youth involved and wanting to learn the language?

“It’s about breaking language barriers of why young people aren’t trying to learn their language,” Frye said.

The challenge most associated with learning a language within native cultures is how to get the youth more involved.

“How do we get younger people involved in learning their language and what keeps them from talking to their family or talking to their peers in the language and staying in the language without having to be around the other language learners in their class or their programs,” Frye said.

Breaking the inhibitions first starts with questions of how to get others involved in using their Native language, especially as languages continue to disappear.

“If you lose that language then you’re just another brown person pretty much, you want to keep that identity and to me if you lose a language you’re losing a really big aspect of what makes you Muscogee, Seminole, Cheyenne and Arapaho, and so on, it’s that identity. It gives people the excuse to get rid of your sovereignty just because you don’t have a language,” Frye said.

Many aspects of teaching are acquainted with learning a

language. Sessions that took place at the language summit included presentations on information from different tribal language programs on what they are currently working on within their departments.

The keynote speaker for the summit was Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, a professor from Texas A&M at Arlington. Dr. Fitzgerald focused her presentation on the importance of linguistics associated with learning a language.

“For the theme breaking barriers, I focused on my area of research of sound and pronunciation, so I presented ways in which documentation of the native language can be used to revitalize the language and how using documentation can support learning pronunciation,” Fitzgerald said.

In terms of pronunciation and sound, linguistics plays a crucial part in teaching and learning a language. Fitzgerald said whenever teaching a language, have an understanding of how that language works,

“What makes it tick, in terms of the pieces and the sounds? That’s helpful for teachers because they know how to focus on elements that are different from English and help learners look at those and think about it, linguistics can provide the back bone for language learning by helping teachers better understand their languages that they’re teaching.”.

She said she focused on pronunciation in most classes, because, “if you look at programs that teach English as a second language, they often leave out pronunciation and yet sounding right is often the most important thing in revitalization programs, so you have to find a place for pronunciation.”.

The Cherokee Nation Immersion School hosted a panel to openly discuss teaching methods they are currently conducting in their school system.

The Chickasaw Nation Language program presented information on their current project partnering with Rosetta Stone to enhance learning the Chickasaw language within their tribe.

Finding new ways and collaborating on ideas to teach a language fueled the inter-tribal language summit as teachers collaborated on interactive methods of ‘breaking the inhibitions.’ Language has become a vital aspect rooted deep within



Joshua Hinson, with the Chickasaw Nation, presents their current project and partnership with Rosetta Stone in providing learning resources for the Chickasaw language. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

culture, history and life as more methods of teaching become available.

“We all have our own history, our own language, our own cultures and that’s what makes us unique and language is there. Language encompasses so many aspects of our lives, it’s political, it’s art, its storytelling, it’s just everyday life and social gatherings. It’s in our religious practices, whether its our ceremonial grounds or churches, its there,” Frye said.

Elder citizen is putting together all the pieces

By Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Ruby Blue DeRossett. The name is almost lyrical rolling off the tongue ... Ruby Blue.

The oldest living member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes ... 100 years old come Aug. 12.

Just the fact Ruby Blue is almost a century old is impressive enough, but to look at her you would think you were looking at a woman not a day over 70. The secret she said, “its just good genes.”

And so it must be. When meeting her 74 year old daughter Merlene or her 49 year old granddaughter Christia, you get the very same feeling you are looing at much younger women.

“My mother was born in 1899 and died in 2001 at the age of 102,” Ruby Blue said with a little giggle.

Ruby Blue was born Aug. 12, 1917 in a two-room house nine miles from Geary, Okla. to Frances Reed (Minsner) and George Albert Blue. But she would never get the opportunity to know her father, nor most any of her Cheyenne and Arapaho relatives.

“A tree fell on my father and crushed his lungs before I was a year old. At that time, because he was bleeding from the mouth, they thought he had TB, but he didn’t. The doctor wouldn’t come out from town because he said if my father was bleeding from the mouth that’s what he had ... TB,” Ruby Blue said.

And with his death, Ruby’s life took on a whole different path. Her mother, whose parents were also from Geary, moved back into town with her parents. When Ruby was right about 4 years old, her mom went to Kansas to visit a friend, met a man, married him and took her to live in Kansas where she grew up.

“When I was growing up I always felt like there was a blank spot in my life. I even went back to where I was born and got some of the red earth and put it into a jar with ash, and I had layers of this dirt that I kept with me,” she said.

Ruby Blue never could identify the ‘something’ inside her that wasn’t complete, she just knew there was a blank spot and after she was grown, she would spend a lot of time going back to Geary.

“I saw my great-grandmother Sage Woman Blue one time. She came to see me when I was visiting and she would not sit in a chair, she sat cross-legged on the floor and she always wanted her food in a bowl. I sat beside her and that’s the one time I saw her,” Ruby Blue said.

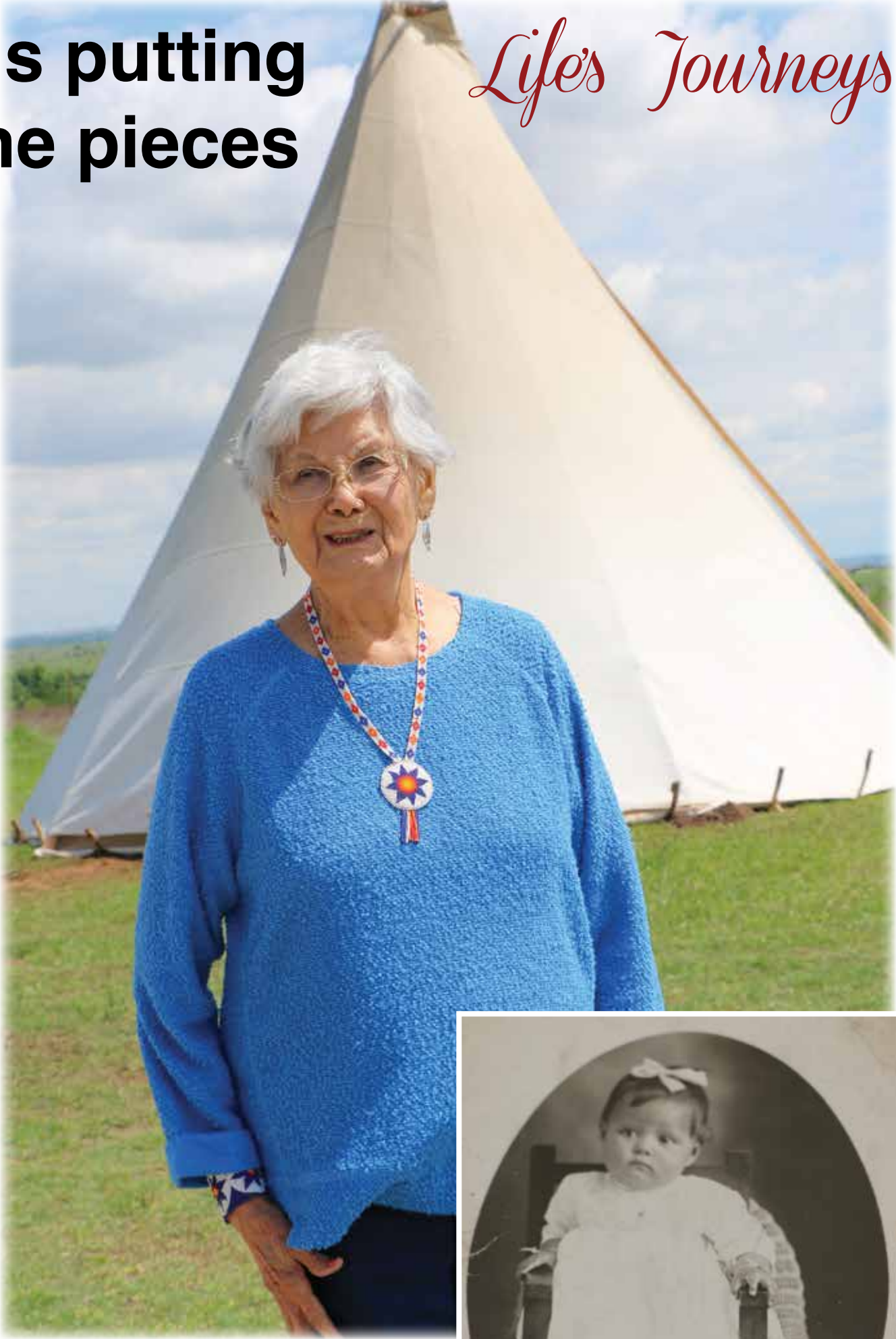
She remembered also meeting her grandfather William Blue twice, and her two cousins Emma and Ester Left Hand.

“I was raised outside of the tribe pretty much in the white world. You know how kids pick on those that are different? Well I was always picked on. They always just called me a n----r when I was going to school,” she said.

Ruby graduated from Clay Center High School in 1936, a town so small she said she just went along with the flow.

“I always had some hearing loss and it was always so hard for me to communicate with people ... I just didn’t fit into the business world and was labeled handicapped,” Ruby said.

One memory from her time in school was getting to visit her grandfather in a tipi, “my white relatives lived one side of the road and the Indian land, I don’t know who it belonged to, was over across the road. They had a powwow and I was taken



Above 99 year old Ruby Blue DeRossett visits Concho, Okla. to attend a Memorial Dance for Irene Roberta Hamilton and Dr. Ralph Dru on April 22. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)

Right: Ruby Blue DeRossett as the age of 1. (Submitted photo)

Dear Tribal Citizens:

Recently the National Indian Gaming Commission (“NIGC”) released a statement and made public a settlement agreement between itself and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, resolving an enforcement action involving activities that took place during a prior tribal administration.

Since taking office my administration has fought hard to investigate and ferret out claims of corruption that loomed over the Tribes in order to put an end to the squandering of our precious tribal resources. The Executive Branch has worked to identify misuses of tribal revenues and to terminate nefarious business arrangements, particularly involving our casino operations. While prior administrations may have turned a blind eye to questionable contracts that diverted monies away from our Tribes and our Tribal members, we have strived to turn the Tribes around and protect our financial assets for the benefit of our people.

As part of this effort, in January 2014 we began examining casino records and vendor contracts for potential abuse and misuse of gam-

ing funds. As a result, we became aware that the Tribes’ former Casino CEO and Director of Gaming Operations, Brian Foster, and the General Manager of the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, Sam Barnett, had agreed to pay substantial gaming revenues to a former colleague of Foster’s to lease property for the casino’s use.

In the scheme, Foster arranged for land adjacent to Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, land that at the time was leased by the Tribes for casino parking for \$500 a month, to be purchased by Clinton Land Holdings, LLC, owned by Tom Fox. Fox was the former President of Southwest Casino Corporation, that employed Foster in managing the Tribes’ casino operations for many years. Foster directed Barnett to then sign a new lease with Clinton Land Holdings to pay between \$50,000 and \$70,000 a month in rent for the same property the Tribes had previously only paid \$500 a month to lease.

Our investigation revealed that from approximately June 2012



through December 2013, the Tribes paid over **\$1.2 million** to Clinton Land Holdings to rent this property that was used as a parking lot. Once we discovered the scheme, we immediately stopped payments to Clinton Land Holdings, removed Foster and Barnett from their positions, cancelled the lease agreement, and began investigating what actions had taken place that allowed the scheme to occur.

Unbeknownst to us at the time, the NIGC, which has the authority to investigate such matters, also became aware of this questionable arrangement and began looking into the matter. We became aware of the investigation when the NIGC requested records from the Tribes.

My administration cooperated with the NIGC in their investigation. We were able to demonstrate that we had proactively taken measures to stop the misuse of our tribal gaming revenues and had pre-

vented the Tribes from incurring further harm caused by prior casino management. Due to the proactive approach my administration took, the NIGC agreed to enter into a settlement agreement with the Tribes rather than punish us for the bad acts of people no longer associated with our gaming operations.

Under this settlement agreement the NIGC recognized that the Tribes are on the right path, have actively strived to stop any misuse of casino revenues and have terminated employees who have proven to be untrustworthy. In return, the Tribes have avoided a potential multi-million-dollar fine and/or the closure of our casino operations and we have agreed to implement more rigorous training for certain casino and tribal personnel for the next three years. I am pleased that we were able to assist in bringing the NIGC’s investigation to a close and to prevent the Tribes from in-

curring further harm.

While this settlement agreement represents an important step in the right direction for the Tribes, it does not end our efforts. We are still actively investigating and pursuing legal action against those who have wronged the Tribes in the past. This is no small feat.

The settlement agreement represents the culmination of several years’ worth of effort on this particular matter, but other efforts remain active as we press to bring to justice those who previously engaged in similar activities. As we move forward we will look to hold those people accountable who have squandered away our tribal resources for their own personal gain. My administration is dedicated to continuing these efforts. In doing so, we hope to strengthen our Tribes and provide a better future for our Tribal members.

C-A governor vetoes bill to proceed with impeachment

(CONCHO, OK) On April 8 the Sixth Legislature approved bill number 6L-RS-2017-04-004 – ‘A Resolution to Proceed with a Process to Impeach and Remove Governor Eddie Hamilton,” with a vote of four in favor, two against and two absent. The bill was sponsored by Arapaho District 1 Legislator Edward Eugene Mosqueda and co-sponsored by Arapaho District 4 Legislator Winslow Sankey.

On April 20 Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton vetoed the bill releasing the following explanation:

On April 10, 2017, I was presented with Bill Number 6L-RS-2017-04-004, entitled “A Resolution to Proceed with a Process to Impeach and Remove Governor Eddie Hamilton” (the “Bill”). Under Article VII, Section 4(g) of the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, I am vested with the power to sign into law or veto any enactment of the Legislature with a written explanation of objections.

This Bill is constitutionally deficient for several reasons including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the Legislator who introduced the Bill, Mr. Edward Eugene Mosqueda, is not properly seated, was never qualified to run for office, and is using impeachment to stop me from investigating and prosecuting the PokerTribes matter; (2) the Bill fails to meet constitutional requirements for impeachment actions; (3) the Bill does not provide facts that uphold a legitimate basis for impeachment; (4) the Bill fails to meet Constitutional due process requirements; (5) the Bill fails to follow the Constitutional process for enacting legislation; and (6) the Bill relies on invalid Tribal Council action as justification for its passage.

Legislator Eugene Mosqueda is Not a Legitimate Legislator

Eugene Mosqueda is disqualified to serve as tribal Legislator, having had a felony conviction within the ten years prior to his election to the position of tribal Legislator. Mr. Mosqueda has violated the Constitution, Article VI, Section 4(b), which states: “No person convicted of a felony within the last ten years shall serve as a District Legislator unless pardoned.” Mr. Mosqueda was not qualified to run for office in 2013 due to his 2007 felony conviction. Because Mr. Mosqueda has impersonated a tribal official, and has committed a fraud against the Tribes by failing to disclose his felony conviction, Mr. Mosqueda’s vote on this Bill is invalid. Mr. Mosqueda’s failure to meet the con-

stitutional requirements necessary to be a Legislator also makes his sponsorship of this Bill invalid, as legislation may only be introduced by a current Legislator. Legislative Order No. 5L-LO-2014-04-002.

According to court records from the case State of Oklahoma v. Mosqueda, CF-1998-00117, Edward Eugene Mosqueda pleaded guilty to assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a felony charge, in Blaine County, Oklahoma on March 14, 2007. Mr. Mosqueda illegally ran for office and was elected in 2013, just six years after his felony conviction. When elected Mr. Mosqueda did not meet the Constitutional requirements found in the Constitution, Article VI, Section 4(b). The only exceptions to Article VI Section 4(b)’s prohibition against felons taking office are for situations where the conviction is over ten years old or where the felon was later pardoned of his crime. While the court records in this case show that Mr. Mosqueda failed to pay his numerous fines and had a bench warrant out for his arrest as recently as 2013 (the same year he ran for and was elected to the Legislature) they do not show that he was ever pardoned for committing his crime of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.'

I am shocked and dismayed to learn of Mr. Mosqueda’s felony conviction and of his apparent failure to divulge this information to the Election Commission when he ran for office. The fraud Mr. Mosqueda has perpetrated against the Tribes and the voters who entrusted Mr. Mosqueda to represent their interests is appalling. Furthermore, because Mr. Mosqueda is not a legitimate Legis-

1 *Information in this case sheds light on Mr. Mosqueda’s apparent reasons for introducing the Bill. In his felony case, one of Mr. Mosqueda’s attorneys was Richard Grellner. Of course, the Executive Branch has been diligently investigating the PokerTribes matter since my election and I provided the Legislature with an investigatory report regarding PokerTribes earlier this year. Shortly before the enactment of this Bill, I also held a private meeting with the Legislature regarding the PokerTribes investigation which Mr. Mosqueda protested and attempted to derail. I find it highly suspect that, just as my administration is getting closer to taking action against those responsible for the PokerTribes debacle, Mr. Mosqueda has introduced this Bill to prevent us from moving forward.*

islator, the Legislature does not have a full complement, and therefore is unable to meet the eight-vote requirement for impeachment contained in the Constitution, Article XII, Section 2. All by itself, Mr. Mosqueda’s impersonation of a Legislator necessitates that I veto the Bill that he has sponsored.

The Bill Fails to Meet Constitutional Requirements for Impeachment

The Bill’s most glaring constitutional failing is the Legislature’s failure to follow the Constitution’s impeachment process. The Constitution is clear: “The Legislature shall have the power to impeach and remove a Governor or Lieutenant Governor for good cause by a unanimous vote of the Legislature.” The Bill was not passed unanimously, nor even by a majority of Legislators. Rather, the Bill was passed with four votes in favor (one of which was Mr. Mosqueda’s invalid vote), two votes against, and two absent. In other words, fewer than half of the legitimate Legislators voted for a piece of legislation that requires a unanimous vote of an eight-member Legislature, and without a full eight-member Legislature, they are prohibited from removing me from office. This reason alone justifies vetoing the Bill. Allowing this Bill to move forward only serves to waste precious tribal resources and time.

The Legislature’s Passage of the Bill is Politically Motivated and not in the Best Interest of the Tribes

The Constitution grants the Legislature authority to enact laws and resolutions “which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes.” Art. VI, § 5(a). However, looking at the reasons given for impeachment within the Bill, and given the discussion in the March 23 and March 30 legislative hearings discussing this Bill, it is apparent that this Bill was not enacted to resolve real issues within our government. It is not necessary, proper, or good for the Tribes. Rather, because my political opponents are unable to argue against my successful record (settling the Nez Perce case, securing the return of funds that were frozen because of Leslie Harjo’s actions, rooting out corruption and bad business practices at the casinos, just to name a few things), they have raised the spectre of impeachment in an effort to sway the minds of voters in the upcoming elections. Tribal members see this for what it is: a colossal waste of time and money. For example, at the March 23, 2017 legislative

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Film festival screens Chickasaw Nation production *Te Ata*

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

On April 7 the Native Crossroads Film Festival screened the feature film, *Te Ata*, produced by Chickasaw Nation at the Sam Noble History Museum in Norman, Okla. All were invited and welcomed to the screening event to experience the true story of Mary Thompson Fisher.

Fisher was a positive figure, a role model, who played a key role within the history of the Chickasaw Nation. With a father from Chickasaw descent and a mother who was white, Fisher grew up during a time when cultural expression was highly discouraged. As a young Native American woman growing up in a time of cultural prohibition, Fisher became a well-known actress and storyteller known as Te Ata, which means ‘Bearer of the Morning.’

“It was important to us to bring the film to this particular film festival because the films that are shown here are important films by native film makers or about Native American tribes. We felt this was the perfect venue for *Te Ata* and it’s in Oklahoma, that’s even more exciting to bring *Te Ata* to our home state,” Jeannie Barbour, creative development director, said.

The cast featured in *Te Ata* included not only famous, but familiar well-known faces of actors and actresses, such as Graham Greene, who was featured in *Dances With Wolves*, Gil Birmingham, known for his role in the *Twilight Saga*, Mackenzie Astin, who partook in *Facts of Life* for four seasons, Brigid Brannagh, best known for

her role in *Army Wives* and Cindy Pickett, who played in *Ferris Bueller’s Day Off*.

Choosing the right person for characters portrayed in the movie ideally set the stage for the cultural representation that played a key aspect throughout the film. As actors and actresses were carefully chosen, the role of inspiring Te Ata had to inspire and be strong.

Most famous for her role in *The New World*, actress Q’Orianka Kilcher was chosen to play Mary Fisher in the feature film.

“We wanted a really strong actress to play Te Ata because she’s in nearly every scene in the entire movie and it was going to be a very demanding role during performance, she had to sing, she had to dance, she had to act really well so we had to hold auditions and requested people to send in video tapes of their selves,” Barbour said.

Barbour said the process of choosing was difficult as they had a lot of really good actresses audition, “We finally decided on Q’Orianka Kilcher based on the fact that she could act, dance and sing. She really had a resemblance to Te Ata, we felt like she looked like her and seemed to understand her mannerisms and who she was.”

Te Ata proved to be a significant figure of her time by breaking down cultural barriers that were enforced by the United States government and became, what many know today, as one of the greatest Native American performers of all time. Although the movie takes place in Oklahoma, home to the Chickasaw Nation, the film



also depicts various locations within the United States that Te Ata traveled to and performed at.

Barbour said Te Ata was a positive role model not only for Chickasaw women but also for all native women.

“She lived in a very difficult time for native people and she took what was personally important to her, as far as her culture, her history, her identity and she went out into the world and said ‘this is important, this is who we are,’ during a time when that expression of native culture, arts and dance were being discouraged.

She went out and said ‘no, this is something that is important to the world and I’m going to do it,’ and in an effort to not only preserve but to revitalize native culture during a time when it was actively being oppressed.”

Te Ata was the second feature film produced by the Chickasaw Nation. The movie Pearl was previously produced. The newest project and upcoming film set to

start filming later this year is *The Chickasaw Rancher*.

The film festival was a two-day event centered upon the theme Bodies in Motion, which embodies Native culture, history, politics and environment. The central aspect of the theme encompasses various films screened at the film festival, signifying cultural importance to communities for scholarly and educational purposes.

Native Crossroads is sponsored by the University of Oklahoma Film & Media Studies Program and the Department of Native American Studies, and is made possible by the generous support of the Chickasaw Nation, the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oklahoma, and the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost at the University of Oklahoma.

For more information on *Te Ata* visit www.teatamovie.com. To learn more about Native Crossroads visit www.nativecrossroads.org

The role of the Gaming Commission

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Gaming Commission (CAGC) is charged with protecting the integrity of tribal gaming. It is responsible for ensuring adequate internal controls are in place and complied with and for providing security, honesty and fairness in all tribal gaming operations.

The CAGC regulates gaming operations through compliance and enforcement of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), the Oklahoma Tribal-State Compact, the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) Minimum Internal Control Standards, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gaming Ordinance and the CAGC’s Tribal Internal Control Standards.

The CAGC is NOT involved with the management

of the casino operations.

To properly regulate gaming for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, the CAGC, in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and tribal gaming laws, is comprised of the following:

Commissioners

Primary responsibility is setting policy for gaming on Cheyenne and Arapaho lands, reviewing and approving gaming activities, promulgating rules and regulations for the gaming facility and hearing license disputes and gaming disputes that may arise between a patron and the gaming operation.

Administration

The executive director is responsible for oversight and supervision of all department actions and activities involving regulation of gaming.

Compliance

Conducting investigations of possible violations and taking appropriate enforcement action with respect to Tribal Gaming Ordinances and Regulations and establishing Tribal Internal Control Standards (TICS) for gaming operations.

Licensing

The Licensing Department is responsible for the timely and accurate processing of gaming licenses and evaluates potential employees and vendors to the standards set forth by federal, state and tribal law.

Audit

The Audit Department monitors and audits the gaming operation to ensure compliance with all applicable federal, state and tribal gaming laws.

Surveillance

The Surveillance Depart-

ment monitors through an extensive surveillance system all the gaming activities and events within the casino.

These CAGC activities are just a snapshot of all the areas that the CAGC is responsible for. There are several sub-activities that each department undertakes in order to monitor the gaming activities and needs of the gaming operation.

CAGC office hours are Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Surveillance is 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gaming Commission welcomes all tribal members and we will be happy to answer any questions related to the jobs and duties of the Gaming Commission by calling 405-422-7752 or by visiting 7777 N. Highway 81 in Concho, Okla.

Heap of Birds accepts Honorary Doctorate of Letters Degree

The Emily Carr University, Vancouver, Canada Board of Governors will be awarding the Emily Carr Honorary Doctorate of Letters Degrees to Hock E Aye Vi Edgar Heap of Birds, Visual Artist and Educator; Lisa Robertson, Poet and Cultural Writer; Peeter Wesik Business leader and Philanthropist.

The Emily Award, acknowledging outstanding achievements by alumni, will be presented to Pat Christie, Industrial Designer and Social Innovator.

The degrees and award will be presented during the Friday, May 5 Convocation Ceremony at the Chan Centre. I would like to congratulate our honored recipients on behalf of Emily Carr University.

For over four decades, Hock E Aye Vi Edgar Heap of Birds has created visual works that deliver critiques on col-

onization, modernity, identity and power.

A member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, he received a BFA from the University of Kansas and an MFA from the Tyler School of Art in Philadelphia. Heap of Birds boasts an extensive exhibition record, including the Venice Biennale and his works are held in the collections of major museums throughout North America including the Whitney, the Smithsonian, the MET, British Museum, and the Library of Congress.

A Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma, Heap of Birds has served as a visiting lecturer and professor at numerous uni-



versities around the world, including Rhode Island School of Design and Yale University.

His artistic creations and efforts as an advocate for indigenous communities worldwide are focused first upon social justice and then the personal freedom to live within the tribal circle as an expressive individual.

2017 ELECTION INFORMATION CANDIDATE REGISTRATION OPENS TODAY MAY 1, 2017 FEE MUST BE PAID AT THE TIME PACKET IS PICKED UP

Public Offices Open for Election

Governor and Lt Governor
Arapaho District 1 Legislator
Arapaho District 2 Legislator
Cheyenne District 4 Legislator
Cheyenne District 2 Legislator
Arapaho District 3 Election Commissioner
Arapaho District 4 Election Commissioner
Cheyenne District 1 Election Commissioner
Cheyenne District 3 Election Commissioner

Candidate Registration

Candidate Registration will open on Monday May 1, 2017 at 8 a.m. Candidate Packets may be picked up at the Election Commission Office located in Rooms 106 and 107 of the Education Building in Concho, Okla.

Candidate Registration will close on Thursday June 1, 2017 at 5 p.m. Completed candidate packets along with candidate verifications, filing fees and determination of filing fee waiver must be turned in to the Election Commission Office.

2017 Filing Fees

Governor-----\$250
Lt Governor-----\$250
Legislator-----\$200
Election Commissioner-----\$100

2017 Other Fees

Challenge to Candidate Eligibility-----\$200
Challenge to Candidate Residency-----\$200
Protest/Challenges to Election Results-----\$200
Recalls-----\$300
Voter Registration List-----\$25

Tribal Employees as Candidates

Employees of the Tribes can file as a candidate for which they are qualified. Employees running as candidates are not required to resign or take a leave of absence from their employment during the campaign.

Election Dates

The Primary Election Date is Oct. 3, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The General Election Date is Nov. 7, 2017 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Polling Sites

Hammon Community Hall
Elk City Indian Baptist Church
Clinton Community Hall
Weatherford-Pending
Seiling Community Hall
Canton Community Hall
Watonga Community Hall
Geary Community Hall
Kingfisher Indian Baptist Church
Concho Community Hall

Weatherford-Southwestern Oklahoma State University/Oak Room

Kingfisher - All Native Baptist Church

Provisional Ballots

Provisional Ballots will not be accepted at any time during the Election Process.

VOTER REGISTRATION CLOSES JUNE 1, 2017

Voter Registration is now open for new voters and updates to your current registration.

Voter Registration will close on June 1, 2017 and will not reopen.

Election Commissioners

A1 Stephanie Meat 405-568-9966
A2 Dale Hamilton 405-306-1674
A3 Vacant
A4 Vacant
C1 Sandra Hinshaw 405-593-7944
C2 Norma Yarborah 405-538-6664
C3 Sharon All Runner 580-309-0768
C4 Sarah Orange 405-637-6036

GAMING DISTRIBUTION COMPARISON 2016-2017		
DATE	2016	2017
JAN	\$ 2,933,004.04	\$ 3,094,533.10
FEB	2,797,797.98	3,062,880.26
MARCH	5,991,768.19	5,854,826.01
APRIL	2,977,104.18	
MAY	2,572,224.43	
JUNE	3,432,516.23	
JULY	2,508,535.35	
AUG	2,597,562.26	
SEPT	3,265,443.17	
OCT	2,396,856.33	
NOV	1,785,827.19	
DEC	3,213,534.96	
TOTAL	36,472,174.31	12,012,239.37

Life's journeys

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there one evening and my grandfather was in the tipi. I was told to keep to the right, don't walk in front of him and when I come back, come just the same way I went in. That was one of the times I got to see my grandfather William Blue."

Ruby Blue would meet her husband in August 1939 by a chance meeting. They were married on Dec. 1, 1939, a short four months after their first meeting.

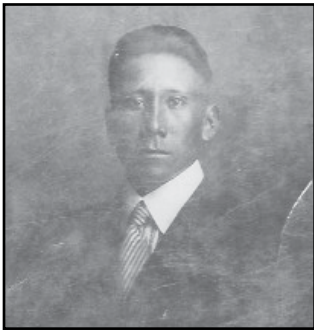
"Ft. Riley was about 38 miles from Clay Center and the soldier boys would load up in cars and come into Clay Center to look at the girls. This friend and I were out just walking around and this car pulled up and parked. I knew the girl that was in the car with the soldiers and she said, 'would you like to go for a ride?' I looked into the backseat to see who the boys were and I said, 'if I can go with that one.' His name was Merle DeRossett. I was 22 years old and I don't know if it was love at first sight for him, but it sure was for me," Ruby Blue said hardly containing her laughter.

So off they went, Merle and Ruby Blue and eloped on a cold Sunday morning. She said it had come out in the local paper they had gotten a marriage license on Tuesday, so she had to run tell her parents that she was married before they read it in the paper. They were married 70 years before his death in 2009.

"My husband was in the military for 26 years. On Dec. 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor, he came running into our apartment and said, 'I came to get my clothes because we're shipping out and they are not telling us where we are going.' It was about five days before I heard from him and he had ended up in Phoenix, Ariz., because they didn't know if there would be enemies coming into the country up from Mexico," she said.



Above: The two-room house Ruby Blue DeRossett was born on Aug. 12, 1917 in Geary, Okla.
Below: Ruby Blue's father George Blue.



After moving a couple of times, they were sent to Waco Texas in 1954 and never moved again.

"We bought our house in 1961 and I still live in the same house today," Ruby Blue said.

And still throughout her years, Ruby Blue said she



Above: Ruby Blue DeRossett (center) visits with her cousins Emma and Ester Left Hand.
Below: Ruby Blue shows her most precious memento of her father, George Blue. A small weathered red notebook, inside written by George, "'my little girl was born on Aug. 12, Sunday morning year of 1917.'



still had the empty space inside of her, that place she said nothing really filled.

She taught herself how to bead and it would seem she had a flare for art. Throughout her life she has done textile painting, copper etching, woodcarving and egg decorating, as well as creating beautiful beaded pieces, such as bracelets and hair accessories.

"The first time someone said, 'this is Ruby DeRossett, our artist of the day,' I was surprised because I didn't see myself as an artist," she giggled.

And then something miraculous happened ... by chance. Ruby Blue's daughter Merlene was working with a friend she had known from high school on genealogy and one day when they were working on this Shirley William's name (Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member) came up. Merlene asked her friend to see if she could get in touch with her and sure enough they were all related.

"Shirley's grandmother and my grandmother were sisters, and we found each other a little over a year ago. You know that hole or blank spot I talked about inside me ... it's starting to fill in and I am working filling in all the blanks," Ruby Blue said.

Luckily, Ruby Blue's mother enrolled her at birth with the tribes, but it wasn't until a couple years ago that Ruby actually held her own CDIB in her hands.

"I really only have one thing of my father's. It's this little book and in it he wrote, 'my little girl was born on Aug. 12, Sunday morning year of 1917.' My mother gave me his book and I have cherished it since. I contacted a handwriting analyst and he said my father's handwriting shows that he was kind and loving in every way," Ruby Blue said as she held out the book gently and lovingly brushing her hand softly across the page.

And as the sun continues to rise Ruby Blue will continue to fill in all the blanks and no longer is she baffled by feelings of empty holes inside of her ... for now she is among her people, her tribes, her family.

Impeachment veto

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hearing, there was much discussion about the impact of this Bill being heard shortly before the election, when the voters themselves would decide who will lead the Tribes beginning next year. Additionally, when looking at the individual reasons listed for impeachment, none of the reasons constitute "good cause" for impeachment. The Bill is based on rumor and innuendo.

Reasons One and Two involve rumored claims by individual employees, and are not related to my conduct. I have offered to review any employment claims with the Legislature, but no Legislator has brought any individuals or cases to me to review. Had I had the opportunity to investigate, we may have learned that these employment issues were handled according to personnel procedures, or that the individuals have appealed their employment action, and that the decisions of their supervisors may have been upheld. Often former employees may not appeal at all.

Similarly, Reasons Three and Four are related to individual tribal members' rights to obtain documents, and are unrelated to my conduct. Any problems could have been easily solved had the affected individual(s) merely contacted my office and requested the assistance of my support staff. Additionally, the Tribal Council Coordinator has interfered with the ability of the Office of Records Management to codify records. The Office of Records Management has asked the Tribal Council Coordinator for numerous records and documents for which she is responsible under the Constitution, all of which the Tribal Council Coordinator has failed or refused to provide. If the person in charge of records sought refuses to supply them to the Office of Records Management, those records might not be available. Impeachment, however, is an inappropriate remedy to redress an individual's difficulty in obtaining tribal records, particularly where the fault may be the failure of the Tribal Council Coordinator, or other individuals, to follow the law.

Reasons Five, Six, Seven, and Ten are more particular, in that they relate to my constitutional duties, but are simply threadbare accusations without detail showing they have any basis in fact. There are no references to

specific people, actions, or incidents to support these accusations. Rather, all four of these Reasons simply say that I have failed to follow a provision of the Constitution, without further elaboration. There is not even sufficient information for me to prepare a specific response to these allegations. Thus, Reasons Five, Six, Seven, and Ten are impermissibly vague and lack any legitimate basis—much less good cause—for impeachment.

Reason Eight claims annual audits have not been performed, violating the Constitution, Article VII, Section 4(f). This is demonstrably false, and the Legislature knows it is false. If the Tribes had failed to conduct annual audits, we would have lost federal funding and be in trouble with federal gaming regulators. In fact, my office has provided copies of the 2014 and 2015 tribal audits to the Office of Records Management; the work on the 2016 audit will not be complete until later this year. It is not my responsibility to force legislators to review the annual audits. This allegation is not based on fact, but instead on blind repetition of gossip. Gossip and falsehoods do not meet the Constitution's good cause standard required for impeachment.

Lastly, Reason Nine alleges that a failure to nominate tribal members to serve on the Judicial Commission constitutes good reason for impeachment. To the contrary, I have actively worked to fill these positions, but have not had qualified people apply (and in some instances, no one has applied). The reason why no qualified individuals have applied is obvious—constant political turmoil has plagued our Tribes. Infighting and bickering discourages individuals from wanting to be associated with the Tribes and applying for these positions. Controversies such as this Bill deter good, qualified individuals from working with our government, including our Judicial Commission. And if no one applies to serve on the Judicial Commission, then I have no one to nominate to serve on the Judicial Commission. This does not provide good cause for impeachment.

To read the entire Impeachment Explanation visit www.wordpress.com/stats/post/347/cheyennearapahotribaltribune.wordpress.com.

Earth Day cleanup

(CLINTON, OK) What first began in 1970 has now led to a nationwide event specifically aimed for supporting a clean and healthy environment ... Earth Day.

The need for environmental protection came to light when millions of people gathered to rally and bring awareness of the threats that are endangering the environment, such as global warming, pollution, pesticides, toxic wastes and wildlife extinction. The day was pronounced as a day for a call-to-action in prevention of such opposing forces to the environment.

On April 21 knowledge of Earth Day spread as a clean up event took place at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. The Cheyenne and

Arapaho tribes Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducted presentations on pertinent information vital to keeping and maintaining a clean environment. Supply bags, gloves and safety vests were provided to community members who volunteered to clean up the surrounding areas.

"The challenge is that people don't have vehicles to take big items to a local dump and it collects on their land and over time you have a big dump of old household goods, then it just looks like a trash pile so everybody just throws their trash on it," Damon Dunbar, EPA acting director, said.

By making dumpsters available to the community, the hope is a cleaner environment will be made possible.

In the hopes for a brighter and cleaner future of the environment by providing resources, Dunbar hopes that by providing resources it will lead to a future of a cleaner environment.

"An understanding that we need to be more involved with protecting mother earth and learning to throw away our trash after ourselves," Dunbar said.

Earth Day is celebrated globally with many participants around the world, including but not limited to various federally recognized tribes, resources and events specifically aimed for protecting the environment.

To learn more about Earth Day and how to be more actively involved, visit earthday.org.

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BRIEFS AT A GLANCE

Tribal Law Enforcement Executive Symposium, "Breaking Down Tribal Jurisdictional Walls"
May 10-11, 2017 at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort in Warm Springs, OR. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

2017 National Tribal Public Health Summit
June 6-8, 2017 at the Denaina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. For more information or to register visit www.nihb.org.

The 2017 National Congress of American Indians Mid-Year Conference & Marketplace
June 12-15, 2017 at the Mohegan Sun Resort in Uncasville, CT. For more information or to register visit www.ncai.org.

The National Alaska Native/American Indian Nurses Association Conference - Rekindle the Spirit: Reconnect the Circle of Indigenous Nursing
June 16-17, 2017 at the

St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN. For more information or to register visit www.aihec.org.

Indirect Costs Basics for Tribal Organizations
June 22-23, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The 2017 AMERIND/ National American Indian Housing Council's annual Convention & Trade Show
June 26-29, 2017 at the

Nashville Music City Center in Nashville, Tenn. For more information or to register visit www.naihc.net.

Budgeting for Tribal Office Managers and Administrative Assistants
June 29-30, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

2017 National UNITY Conference
July 6-10, 2017 at the Colorado Convention Center

in Denver, Colo. For more information or to register visit www.unityinc.org.

Managing Difficult Employees for Tribal Supervisors
July 10-11, 2017 at the Apache Casino Hotel in Lawton, Okla. To register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Self-Governance: The Future of Compacting for Tribes
July 18-19, 2017 in Las

Vegas, Nev. To register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

Conducting Credible Tribal Elections
July 24-25, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nev. To register visit www.falmouthinstitute.com.

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society National Conference - 40 Years Supporting Native People in STEM
Sept. 21-23, 2017 in Denver, Colo. To register visit www.conference.aises.org.

OKC VA Health Care System helping homeless Native American Veterans

In January 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) awarded \$5.9 million in grants to 26 Tribes to offer a permanent home and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program is a demonstration program that combined \$5.9 million in rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA to serve Native American Veterans.

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes were awarded over \$272,000 through this grant to house 20 Veterans. Carissa Dobrinski is the Tribal HUD-VASH Case Manager for the Oklahoma City VA Health Care System. To date she has successfully housed one Veteran and is working to find permanent housing for more Veterans through this grant.

“By bringing resources directly to the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, we are better able to serve those Native American Veterans who have honorably served our country,” said Dobrinski. “Our goal is to end Veteran homeless-



Carissa Dobrinski, LCSW, Oklahoma City VAHCS Tribal HUD/VASH case manager, meets with William Tallbear, Cheyenne & Arapaho Housing director.

ness throughout Oklahoma and by offering permanent housing solutions and case management, we can work with the Tribes to accomplish our ultimate goal.”

Rental assistance and supportive services provided through HUD-VASH are a critical resource for local communities in ending homelessness among our nation’s Veterans. In FY 2015, Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program in order to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country and

directed HUD to coordinate with Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to eligible Native American Veterans.

Native American Veterans in Oklahoma interested in more information about the Tribal HUD-VASH Program can contact Carissa Dobrinski at (405) 456-5675 or carissa.dobrinski@va.gov.

Pipeline company

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right-of-way offer to the BIA and the plaintiffs for another 20 years. The majority of the landowners rejected the offer.

In 2008, the BIA’s interim superintendent of the Anadarko Agency approved Enogex’s application to renew the easement for 20 years. The plaintiffs appealed the decision in 2010, and the BIA vacated the opinion.

“The BIA determined that it did not have authority to approve the right-of-way without the consent of plaintiffs or their predecessors in interest and that the price offered by defendants was unreasonable,” according to court documents. “The BIA remanded the case for further negotiation and instructed that if approval of a right-of-way was not timely secured that Enogex should be directed to move the pipeline.”

A new right-of-way has not been granted and the natural gas pipeline continued to operate, according to the court documents. The plaintiffs filed a trespassing violation and sought preliminary and permanent injunction in November 2015.

According to the court documents, Enable argues that written consents from five landowner tenants for renewal of the easement shows they are not trespassing. The defendants also argued Oklahoma’s two-year statute of limitations applies.

“While defendants do not dispute that they are operating a natural gas pipeline across plaintiffs’ property without an easement, defendants assert that there is no trespass in the case because under Oklahoma law consent forms a complete defense to trespass and they obtained five written consents to the renewal of the easement,” according to the court documents. But the Court found that the Oklahoma law was inconsistent with federal statutes, meaning the Oklahoma law could not be used as a defense in the case.

The Court noted that the tenants-in-common who gave written consent for the renewal of the easement owned less than a majority of the tract – around less than 10 percent.

Because of this, the Court found that the easement based



upon the written consents was not valid.

Smith said the judge agreed with the tribal members that federal law applies and that there can be an accounting for the money made off the land during the period deemed a trespass, which is 17 years.

Smith said there are similar issues all across Indian country.

“And we see them all the time – there are easements to which landowners have never been paid,” Smith said. “There are easements which have simply expired and the BIA simply has no records of them or taken any action to enforce the trespass.”

The decision, Smith said, shows that landowners can take on such cases on their own land and that the remedies can be significant: not only removal of the power line, gas line or oil pipeline, but recovery of profits as well.

Smith, who worked on the \$3.4 billion Cobell settlement case, said he anticipates more such lawsuits in the future. He noted that one issue on appeal at the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals is whether a utility can condemn allotted land in which a tribe has an interest. Federal districts courts in Oklahoma and New Mexico ruled they can’t, and the issue is now before the appeals court.

POWWOWS DANCES EVENTS CALENDAR

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes annual Graduation Banquet

5:30 p.m., May 4, 2017 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

For more information call 405-422-7646, 405-422-7439, 405-422-7653 or 405-422-7560.

Darlington Eighth Grade Graduation Honor Dance

May 6, 2017 at the Darlington School Gym in Concho, Okla. Dinner at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

MC Marshall Williamson, HS Evan Ortiz, HMD Mike Pierson, HLD Carrie ‘KK’ Whitlow, HLB Alex Elizondo, HLG Emmary Elizondo, AD TBA, Honored Education Glenn Meriwether and Honored Elder Pat Keller.

Benefit Dance for Ryan Gambler Jr. - 2017 Northern Arapaho Sun

Dance Sponsor

May 6, 2017 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m.

MC Willie Bullcoming, HS Eugene Mosqueda, HMD Chauncy Sutton, HLD Amy Peneda, Honored Elder Mary Lou Stevens, Honored Chief Scotty Sankey, HTGD Mya Guzman, HTB Andrew Pratt, Co-Hosts Red Moon Gourd Clan and AD Billy Youngbird.

For more information call 405-698-7599 or 405-650-8636.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Presents Buffalo Butcher Day(s)

8:30 a.m., May 12, 2017 at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla.

8:30 a.m., May 19, 2017 at the Colony powwow grounds in Colony, Okla.

Sponsored by the Culture

& Heritage Program and Tradition Not Addiction Program. For more information call 405-422-7704 or 405-422-7659.

Honor Dance for Moses Starr Jr.

May 13, 2017 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance begins at 3 p.m., supper at 6 p.m. with dance to follow.

MC Gerald Panana, HS Kendall Kauley and Roger Davis, HMD Mark Quintana, HLD Nona Jenkins, HLB George Sutton, HLG Violet Romannose, AD Michael Bell and Dale Akeen, Honored Family Janell and Lemam Coyote, Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Dance and Honored Grandpa Gus Wilson.

For more information call Juanita Trout at 405-201-0521, Jeanette Starr at 580-819-1657 or Regina Mata at 580-547-9900.

Comanche Little Ponies 49th annual Celebration

May 13, 2017 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Center in Lawton, Okla. Program begins at 12 noon.

MC Wallace Coffey, HS Berky Monoessy, HGD Easton Yellowfish, HLD Kimberly DeJesus, HWD Frank Swift, Host and Drum Young Buffalo Horse, AD Travis Codynah and Larney Silverhorn and Co-Host Cheyenne & Arapaho Red Moon Gourd Club.

For more vendor booth information call 405-341-7874.

Tunica-Biloxi 22nd annual Powwow

May 20-21, 2017 at the Earl J. Barbry Sr. Convention Center, Mari Showroom, Paragon Casino Resort in Marksville, LA.

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For more information contact Ryan at 800-272-9767 ext. 6433 or email rlopez@tunica.org.

Benefit Dance for Northern Arapaho Sponsor Chief Lonebear

June 3, 2017 at the Geary Community Center in Geary, Okla. Supper at 5 p.m. with dance to follow.

MC Michael Toahy, HS Fred and Frank Mosqueda, HMD Rory Littleraven, HLD Lena Nells, Honored Veteran Alvin Sage, US Army, Honor Elder Sisters Lavonta Kenrick and Viola Hatch, AD Earl Plumley and Co-Host Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee.

Sponsored by the Stevens family and Gloria Uranga.

The 26th annual Austin Powwow and American Indian Heritage Festival

10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Nov. 4, 2017 at the Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane in Austin, Texas.

Native American Market runs 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. \$25,000 in cash prizes.

MC Choogle Kingfisher, AD Harold Rogers and Emiliano Flores, HMD Cecil Gray, HLD Brennah Wahweotten, HGD Hyde Toppah, Head Judge Juquin Hamilton, Host Southern Drum Thunder Hill of Oklahoma, Host Northern Drum Young Bear of North Dakota and Color Guard Cherokee/Kituwah.

For vendor information email info@austinpovwow.net.

To list your event, email rmstephens@c-a-tribes.org or llonelodge@c-a-tribes.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy 15th Birthday to our princess Anastasia B. Emhoolah, “pretty baby.” From grandpa and grandma, Michael and Georgia Emhoolah and daddy Patrick Emhoolah II. God bless you and keep you safe, stay sweet baby.

Happy Birthday to my cousin, Annie Walker “Hub-cap,” April 22
To my brother and best friend, Arvin Bates, Jr. “R.V.” April 24
To my nephew, Brady Jack Allen May 3
And to my son, my hero, Draven Allen “Bubba” May 11
From Jay



Happy 24th birthday to our beautiful sister, Kc Warledo! We love you to the moon and back! Hope your day is special! May God bless you with many more birthdays to come! Love always, from all your sisters, niece’s, nephew’s and a new one on the way!

To my beautiful sister, Jeri Allen.
In loving memory
Nov. 12, 1965 –
May 3, 2000
I wish that I could grab you and give you a big bear hug again. I miss all the joking around, laughing, and all the teasing that you used to dish out to me and to all your friends. I miss your famous potato-salad and letting you win a game of pool. You are forever cherished, loved, and missed Jeri. We will see each other again sis, I promise.
Until then, missing you so much! Love, your little brother Jay.



Happy fourth Birthday to our little spitfire, Charlee Rose. You bring so much happiness, laughter and love into our lives you smart girl. We wish you many, many, more birthdays and may all your dreams come true. Love, mom, daddy Felipe, Abram, Drelyn, and Nayeli.



May 7
Happy Birthday Marina! May you always be blessed. Thank you for being one of my daughters. Love you, mama Karen L.C.

April 20
Shannon Littleman Reyes
Happy Birthday, may God bless you with many more. Love, the Littleman family.

Celo and Sydney
Happy Birthday to my babies, I love you. Mom



May 9
Happy Mother’s Day and Happy Birthday to Rhoda Youngbird-Braxton.
We all love you very much.
From your kids and grandkids.



Happy birthday JuJu, may you be blessed with many more.
Love uncle Russ, Amy, Tommy, Janae and grandma.

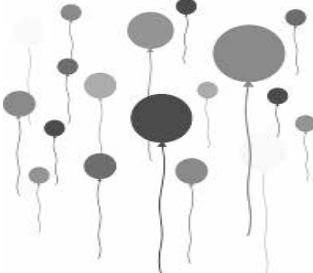


Cheyenne Eve Gonzales:
Happy belated first Birthday to the most adorable, lovable granddaughter ever! We love you to the moon and back!
Grandma Chris & Grandpa Bill Williams

April 20
Happy Birthday to Shannon Reyes, I love you very much and many more.
From your husband, Danny Reyes.



May 21
Dee Ann Alexander
You bring very special feelings of joy, pride, adventure and affection. Enjoyed vacations to the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, 1980 Orange Bowl, Macy’s Thanksgiving Parade in New York City and tour of the White House in 2014. Happy Birthday, from Brother Bill.



Happy Birthday Margaret Howlingwolf, may God bless you with many more.
Love, your niece Shannon.



May 14, 1957
Bob Lamebull
You’re my brother and my best friend. We played together as children, enjoyed sporting events together and attended music concerts throughout the years. Happy Birthday, from brother Bill.



April 5
Happy seventh birthday Darren James! love You. Charley & Pratt families!



Happy ninth Birthday Cayden Mae! I’m glad the Creator has molded you into a nice and respectable young girl. Love you with all my heart, love grandma Quoint.



April 15
Tristan Kaulaity
Happy Birthday to my oldest and dearest, love mom.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Josiah Gregory Frye, May 2017 graduate from Sherman Indian High school in Riverside, Calif.
Josiah is a member of the National Honors Society and was awarded with the Scholar Athlete award of Winter Sports. He was chosen to travel to Washington D.C. for the White House Tribal Nations Conference and the White House Tribal Youth Gathering where he had the opportunity to meet President Obama, Billy Mills, and Code Talker Robert Begay.
This past summer Josiah was able to attend Loma Linda Medical School’s Gateway to Professions Program. Josiah was part of the Cross Country and track teams, as well as the Boys’ Varsity Basketball team where he helped make history by earning the titles of 2017 League Champions and the 2017 CIF Regional Quarter Finalists.
Josiah will be attending Ft Lewis College in the fall. His parents are Mary “Tweet” Whiteskunk and Gene Frye. Maternal Grandparents are the late Edward and Mary (Elkriver) Whiteskunk. Paternal grandparents are the late Rev. Eugene and Hattie (Harjo) Frye. The family of Josiah is very proud of him and all that he has accomplished! Keep shootin for the moon “Baby”!!



Alexia Anglin signed her Letter of Intent for Women’s Indoor Outdoor Track and Field with Hastings College, Hastings, Neb. on April 20, 2017 at Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas. Lexi is Eastern Cherokee, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho and Seminole-Creek. She is the daughter of Sutagee and Chelsea Anglin and the granddaughter of Cecil and Wylma Dawes, Lawrence, Kansas, Lydia Anglin, Eufaula, Okla. and great granddaughter of Mary Crowe, Cherokee, N.C.



Sonia Hoffman is graduating from Oklahoma City Community College with an Associates in Psychology. She will be earning her second degree from Oklahoma City Community College, she also has an Associates in Diversified Studies. She graduated from U.S. Grant High School in 2010. Through the hardships and tragedies, she has never stopped moving forward towards her dreams. She encourages all of her Cheyenne and Arapaho family to do the same. “it’s hard work but it’s well worth it, nobody can take it away from you!”



OBITS



Aaron “Ducky” Spottedcorn was born on Nov. 17, 1986 in Albuquerque, N.M. to Robert Lewis and Janice Marie (Pedro) Spottedcorn. He passed away on April 9, 2017 in Oklahoma City at the age of 30.
Aaron attended Taos High School in Taos, N.M. He lived in California in 2005-2006 and moved to Oklahoma in 2008. Aaron worked in construction and enjoyed building things and hunting. He went to Brazil with the Rocky Mountain Youth Core, where they built a church and homes with Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of the Native American Church.
Survivors include his children Moses Spottedcorn and Aleluia Spottedcorn, both of San Francisco, his father Robert Spottedcorn of Oklahoma City, his brothers Curtis Spottedcorn of Oklahoma City and Trevor Armijo of Jemez, N.M., his sister Juliana Spottedcorn of Taos, N.M., nephews and niece Jarvis Lewis Spottedcorn, Antonio Spottedcorn, and Julianna Spottedcorn, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, other relatives and friends.
He was preceded in death by his mother Janice Pedro Spottedcorn, sister Gloria Marie Spottedcorn, brother Johnny Allen Loneman grandparents Marcus Harrison and Gloria Jean Spottedcorn and John Pedro and Rose Charcoal Pedro and great-grandparents Theodore and Angeline Pratt.

William Wayne Red Hat Jr., 68, of Longdale, Okla. departed from this life on April 12, 2017 at the VA Medical Center in Oklahoma City. William was born on March 21, 1949 in Clinton, Okla. to William Wayne Red Hat Sr. and Emma Annie Curtis. William (grandson to the late Southern Cheyenne Arrow Keeper Edward Red Hat and Minnie Red Hat) was raised and taught in the traditional Southern Cheyenne ways from a very young age. During his practice, he attended school in Longdale.
At the age of 16 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He completed his combat training at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., and recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, soon followed by his fight in the Vietnam War. William served his country and the Corps with distinction, earning numerous awards including the Purple Heart Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze stars, Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon, Combat Action

Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device and Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation (Gallantry Cross Medal Color with Palm). After being wounded he returned to the states, and reunited with his family. On March 15, 1973 he was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps.
When he returned home he followed in the footsteps of his grandfather Edward Red Hat and father William Wayne Red Hat Sr., both of who were Southern Cheyenne Arrow Keepers. He met Nellie Belly Mule in 1972 and soon after began a traditional loving marriage that followed with their family. In 1989, he became a Southern Cheyenne Blue Sky Keeper. In 1993, after the passing of his father William Wayne Red Hat Jr., was appointed and served the last 24 years as Keeper of the Sacred Arrows to the Southern Cheyenne.
William is survived by wife Nellie Red Hat; daughter Marsha Shannon Yellow Horse and husband Paul Yel-

low Horse, granddaughters Caitlyn and Cori, son Brian Edward Red Hat and wife Norene Red Hat, grandchildren Ryan, Alicia, Lauryn, Brianna, Stella, Kiara, Ki-ana, Alyse and Alysia, son Luther Rondeau Red Hat and grandchildren Shiloh, Nellie, Bethany, Bill, and Curtis; daughter Ona Sybil Red Hat; daughter Emily Denise Red Hat and grandchildren Calvin, Harry, Isabella, BJ, Jackson, and Kingston. Daughter Eva Marlene Red Hat and grandchildren Daymei, Emilia, and Sophie; daughter Dorothy Mae Red Hat and grandchildren Dominic, Liliana, and Cameron; daughter Minnie Mae Mickle and husband Nick Mickle; and three great grandchildren; four sisters, Eva Big Medicine and husband Joe, Zola Old Bear and husband Ronald, Pat Whiteeagle and husband George and Pam Red Hat; one brother, Steve Red Hat and wife Monica and numerous other extended family.
He was preceded in death by his father William Wayne Red Hat Sr., mother Emma



Annie Curtis, brother Luther Red Hat, sister Marilyn Red Hat, brother Edward Red Hat, sister Minoma Koshiway and brother Albert Red Hat Sr.
A traditional all-night wake service was held April 15 at the Red Hat residence southwest of Longdale, Okla. Funeral services were held April 16 at the Canton Native American Gymnasium with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating. Interment with military honors followed at the Canton Re-Interment Cemetery near Canton Lake under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.
“I’ll see you again-Stat-hot’sewo’oms.”

EMPLOYMENT

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COORDINATOR
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Qualifications:
Master’s degree in social work or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have ability to work with high number of clients and work as efficiently as possible. Ability to work flexible hours, willing to work other than normal working hours, weekends, and holidays as needed. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Must understand the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidential regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owed vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele.

SALARY: Negotiable

EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
Dept. of Social Services
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Completion of Master’s Degree of Social Work and demonstrated basic professional competence in the techniques, methods, theory and practice of social work. Must possess a working knowledge and understanding gained through graduate and study and supervised work of case work, group work and/or community organization practice and the skill to apply these factors to department clientele. Knowledge of various laws related to the administration of the department programs including but not limited to the Indian Child Welfare Act, HIPPA, recommendations for actions that can have significant on clients. Ability to prioritize, manage and complete multiple tasks and responsibilities wherein time management and delegation skills must be solid. Knowledge of tribal and community resources in order to refer clients to the most appropriate source of assistance. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs.

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CASEWORKER
Indian Child Welfare
Office
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Prefer bachelor’s degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require one year of experience in professional related capacity. Knowledge and an understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other than normal working hours including weekends, holidays and after 5 p.m. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions, understand and strive to implement the program’s goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Must have basic knowledge of early childhood education and child welfare casework, child abuse and neglect indicators. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho /Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele. Must complete OKDHS Criminal History Review and supplemental application. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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Transit Driver II/On Call
Roads/Tribal Transit
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Qualifications:
Valid Oklahoma Class D driver’s license. Must possess or be willing to obtain CPR certification. Transit drivers must pass a pre-employment drug screening process and subject to random drug testing. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. with no physical barriers. Must be able to communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors any findings or incidents. High school diploma or GED equivalent. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER
Dept. of Treasury
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Completion of a bachelor’s degree at an accredited college or university in accounting, management, finance or business or completion of a master’s degree at an accredited college or university in accounting, management, finance or business and/or equivalent work experience. CPA-Certified Public Accountant experience required with a minimum of two year’s experience.

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TEACHER
Child Development /
Clinton Location
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Teachers hired after July 1, 1995 are required to be at least 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or GED certification or have completed the 10th grade and be in the process of obtaining a GED for a period not to exceed 12 months. Must sign employee contract stating employee will attain CDA or Mastery Certification to maintain employment. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and pass physical exam. Must be able to lift 50lbs., be physically fit to work daily with children and demonstrate basic knowledge of early childhood development. Must attend staff meetings as well as parent meetings when require, submit monthly reports, attend workshops and have adequate transportation. Must have skills to relate to the community in general. Must pass a criminal background check, mandatory drug and alcohol screen and be willing to work flexible work schedule. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

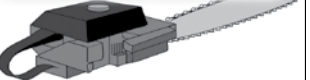
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Housing Authority
Closing: Until Filled

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Whitebuffalo completes 10 courses for Tribal RoadStar designation

(OKLAHOMA CITY - OK) Project Analyst Herbert Whitebuffalo for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, recently earned the Tribal RoadStar designation after completing ten courses in the Southern Plains TTAP Center's curriculum.

The courses Whitebuffalo completed were Construction Management & Cost Estimating, Tribal Transportation Planning, OSHA 10 Hour, Grant Writing Basics, Leadership



Congratulations to Herbert Whitebuffalo who was awarded SPTTAP's Tribal RoadStar award in Oklahoma City.

Skills for Supervisors and Managers, Basic Accounting, RIFDS, Tribal Safety Peer Exchange, GIS/GPS for Local Asset Management, and Leaders in Gear.

The award was presented by Karla Sisco, South-

ern Plains TTAP's Program Manager at the Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Council's meeting on April 18 in Oklahoma City.

For more information visit www.ttap.okstate.edu/tribal-roadstar-program.

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: NICHOLAS CHRIS WOODALL

You are hereby notified that KRISTI KEITH WOODALL has filed a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage on DECEMBER 9, 2016 and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 21ST day of JUNE, 2017 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 12TH day of APRIL, 2017.

by: Desiree Barnes, Deputy Court Clerk

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1/8 teaspoon black pepper

DIRECTIONS

Put all ingredients in a bowl and mix well. Let stand at room temperature at least 15 minutes or refrigerate up to six hours before serving.

Serve as an appetizer with tortilla chips or as a topping for grilled chicken, fish, meat or pork.

May is also Beef, Salsa, Strawberry, Salsad & Asparagus Month

Director will breathe new life into Indian museum

(OKLAHOMA CITY, OK) Spring is a time of rebirth and the Summer season in Indian Country aligns with renewal ceremonies, so it is fitting that James Pepper Henry will become the Museum Director of The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum on June 19, 2017, breathing new life into this world-class vision at this special time of year. Pepper Henry is an enrolled citizen of the Kaw Nation and also Muscogee (Creek).

Henry has been involved in The American Indian Center’s development since 2004 when he helped inform the conceptual design. In 2007, as associate director of the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of the American Indian, he signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, which created the possibility of a long-term loan, as well as collaborative programming opportunities.

“I’m honored and excited to lead this newly established institution that will serve Indian Country and enlighten the citizens of Oklahoma and our great nation about the diverse heritages and cultural life-ways of America’s first peoples. When open, the center will be a vital part of Oklahoma’s burgeoning tourism economy, attracting visitors from around the world,” Henry said.

Most recently, Henry served as executive director of the Gilcrease Museum, where he helped lead the successful \$65 million Vision Tax extension campaign for the museum expansion and helped raise \$27 million in additional support through the museum’s partnership with The University of Tulsa. Prior to the Gilcrease Museum he served as Director and CEO of the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Ariz., increasing museum attendance by 58 percent and memberships by 150 percent. Henry served as Executive Director/CEO for a six-year tenure at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center, Alaska’s premier art, history and science institution, where he oversaw the completion of the museum’s \$110 million,

80,000-square-foot expansion. His wealth of experience will greatly benefit the American Indian Center as construction resumes in the fall. In 2010, Henry oversaw development of The Smithsonian Arctic Studies Center, establishing a long-term loan of materials similar to what will be accomplished between The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum and The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian, including working with Ralph Appelbaum Associates on both projects.

Bill Anoatubby, Chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority says, “Today is an exciting day for the future of The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. Bringing James Pepper Henry on board at this critical stage of development is a key step in ensuring the successful completion of this very important project.” Gregg Wadley, President of the American Indian Cultural Center Foundation says, “As an American Indian, James Pepper Henry recognizes and appreciates the complexities of presenting a collective story and experience comprised of so many distinctive Nations. His extensive professional background matches the vision to create a world-class museum destination and new cultural institution with long lasting im-



James Pepper Henry has been the named the new director for the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. (Courtesy photos)

pacts into the future.” Henry is a graduate of the University of Oregon and a graduate of the Getty Leadership Institute in Los Angeles, Calif. He is a board member of the American Alliance of Museums, a national organization overseeing museum accreditation, and a board member of the Western Museums Association. He serves on the Oklahoma Art in Public Places Oversight Committee and serves as a commissioner on the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission. Henry is also a board member for the Mvskoke Arts Association, a nonprofit organization that advocates for Mvskoke Arts and Artists.

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